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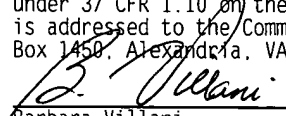
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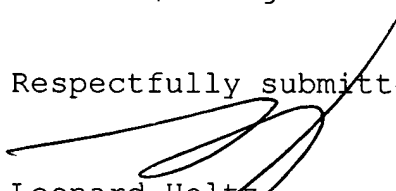
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It is respectfully requested that the documents listed on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B be considered and made of record. Copies of the foreign documents are submitted herewith. Also enclosed is an International Search Report.

The U.S. Patent Documents identified on said form PTO/SB/08A are not enclosed herewith since the USPTO waived the requirement to file copies of U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent Application Publications for U.S. Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003. (See 1276 OG 55 (05 August 2003)).

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 03S0619P	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/JP 03/08670	International filing date (day/month/year) 08/07/2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 09/07/2002
Applicant CASIO COMPUTER CO., LTD.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 6 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

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☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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International Application No

PCT/JP 03/08670

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 G09G3/32

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G09G

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 1999, no. 13, 30 November 1999 (1999-11-30) -& JP 11 231834 A (PIONEER ELECTRON CORP), 27 August 1999 (1999-08-27) abstract	1, 2, 14, 17-19, 22, 23, 38, 39, 42-48
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A	US 6 323 631 B1 (JUANG DAR-CHANG) 27 November 2001 (2001-11-27) the whole document	1-14, 17-19, 22-39, 42-51

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Y	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 2000, no. 10, 17 November 2000 (2000-11-17) -& JP 2000 200066 A (PIONEER ELECTRONIC CORP), 18 July 2000 (2000-07-18) abstract the whole document -& US 6 587 087 B1 (PIONEER CORPORATION) 1 July 2003 (2003-07-01) the whole document	15,16, 40,41
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☒ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-14,17-19,22-39,42-51

The first concept concerns a driving device comprising a driving current supply circuit which supplies a driving current to an optical element, and a control voltage applying circuit which supplies a charge voltage to the optical element, wherein

the driving current supply circuit comprises a single constant current generating circuit, and a plurality of current storage circuits.

2. Claims: 1,15 to 17,40,41

The second concept concerns a driving device comprising a driving current supply circuit which supplies a driving current to an optical element, and a control voltage applying circuit which supplies a charge voltage to the optical element, and

a pulse width control circuit controlling the pulse width of the driving current.

3. Claims: 17, 20, 21

The third concept concerns a driving device comprising a driving current supply circuit which supplies a driving current to an optical element, and a control voltage applying circuit which supplies a charge voltage to the optical element,

wherein the charge voltage has a voltage value which is higher than the threshold voltage of the optical element, and lower than a maximum value of a voltage value applied to the optical element when the driving current is supplied.

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Information on patent family members

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